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SUBJ: BREZHNEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. IN CONVERSATION MARCH 26 SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY ALEXEI NIKIFOROV TOLD POLCOUNSELOR THAT THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT ON THE IMMEDIATE HORIZON, AND THAT NO DATE IS SET. NIKIFOROV SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE UPCOMING BIJEDIC VISIT TO THE USSR, BUT THAT IT ALSO WAS CONNECTED WITH A PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC.

2. LATER IN THE CONVERSATION, REFERRING TO THE BIJEDIC STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER, NIKIFOROV SAID PERHAPS BOTH THE BREZHNEV AND FORD VISITS WOULD HAPPEN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR, "PROVIDING NICE BALANCE" HE ADDED WITH A SMILE.

3. WHILE NIKIFOROV MADE ONE REFERENCE TO BREZHNEV HAVING "RECOVERED FROM HIS ILLNESS", HE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE DELAY IN THIS VISIT WAS CONNECTED WITH THE QUESTION OF HEALTH. AT ANOTHER POINT IN THE CONVERSATION HE CHARACTERIZED LCY-CPSU RELATIONS AS GOOD, BUT SAID SIGNIFICANT

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DIFFERENCES REMAIN "AND THAT WON'T CHANGE". THE SUM OF THE

CONVERSATION SEEMED TO ADD UP TO THE VISIT HAVING BEEN DELAYED
FOR POLICY REASONS.
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